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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

It is hereby requested that the time for reply to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001 be extended for a period of two (2) months.

Please charge the \$400.00 fee to Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account No. 19-1800. An extra copy of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

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